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From: Huffman, Diane
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 12:09 PM
To: Mike Tate
Cc: Darrel Plummer
Subject: RE: Friday Meeting

Yes we know that not everything can happen at once and that we need to look at the situation at each system and prioritize. Looking forward to a productive discussion.

Thanks,

Diane

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From: Mike Tate [mailto:mtate@kdheks.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Huffman, Diane
Cc: Darrel Plummer
Subject: FW: Friday Meeting

Dianne - sounds fine. I would like to discuss the letter. I presume you know we can't issue a dozen orders in 30 days if you issue NOVs. Would like to explore other options.

Thanks. Mt

From: Huffman, Diane [Huffman.Diane@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 10:31 AM
To: Mike Tate
Subject: Friday Meeting

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Hi Mike,

I wanted to touch base with you prior to our meeting this Friday to get your views on an agenda. As Karen and I mentioned to you several weeks ago when we initially proposed this meeting, KDHE has a number of drinking water systems exceeding MCLs and on the ETT. We would like to discuss these with you and see how we might best collaborate to address these systems.

We realize that you've started issuing orders to some systems, but recently have been dealing with appeals of those orders. We think that having a more visible EPA presence may help in your negotiations with the more recalcitrant systems. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. We are also prepared to engage Pretty Prairie regarding their long-standing nitrate problem. More generally, we are prepared to begin sending NOVs, and Orders where necessary, to systems where enforcement can compel a timely return to compliance. Obviously we want to talk to you first before doing that.

I know that Darrel Plummer has been working with my staff to sort thru the list of priority systems. Darrel's list is attached for your reference. EPA's goal is to define a clear path to ensure that all of the priority systems identified on the list are appropriately addressed and are prepared to offer our assistance to make that happen. I also attached a letter that we had drafted to send to John Mitchell to kick off this effort- it might provide more information regarding our thoughts.

Please let me know if this aligns with your thoughts on our meeting Friday and anything else we need to focus on.

Thanks,

Diane Huffman